

[WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:]

1. A production plan management system comprising:
  - a received-order database in which received-order information that contains the number of orders for parts from a customer is registered;
  - a shipping-record database in which shipping-record information that indicates the number of shipping records for said parts is registered; and
  - a production-plan-management apparatus that manages the production plan for parts based on said received-order information and said shipping-record information.
2. The production plan management system of claim 1 wherein said production-plan-management apparatus comprises:
  - a production-plan-creation-function unit that creates a corrected-production plan that gives a corrected-production plan list based on a changed specified delivery date when said specified delivery date for delivery to said customer is changed; and
  - a comparison-function unit that obtains and compares information for the same part from the received-order information registered in said received-order database and said registered shipping-record information, after shipping-record information for a part that is produced based on said production order and corrected-production order is registered in said shipping-record database.
3. The production plan management system of claim 2 further comprising an additional-production-order-issuing-function unit that calculates the comparison result from said comparison-function unit, and issues an additional-production order for a part that has no shipping record when the number of said received orders is greater than the number of shipping records.
4. The production plan management system of any of the claims 1 to 3 wherein said parts are the friction pads and shoes of a brake part that require friction material.
5. A production plan management method comprising:
  - a process of registering received-order information that contains the number of orders for parts from a customer;
  - a process of registering shipping-record information that indicates the number of shipping records for said parts; and
  - a process of managing the production plans for parts based on said received-order information and said shipping-record information.

6. The production plan management method of claim 5 comprising:
  - a process of creating a production order that gives a production plan list based on said received-order information, and creating a corrected-production plan that gives a corrected-production plan list based on a changed specified delivery date when said specified delivery date for delivery to said customer is changed; and
  - a process of obtaining and comparing information for the same part from said received-order information and said registered shipping-record information, after shipping-record information for a part that is produced based on said production order and corrected-production order is registered.
7. The production plan management method of claim 6 comprising a process of calculating said comparison result, and issuing an additional-production order for a part that has no shipping record when the number of said received orders is greater than the number of shipping records.
8. The production plan management system of any of the claims 5 to 7 wherein said parts are the friction pads and shoes of a brake part that require friction material.